**CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, November 16, 2022**

# MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM

A meeting of the Okaloosa County Code Enforcement Board was held Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1250 Eglin Parkway, first floor Commissioner’s Chambers, Shalimar, Florida. Chairman Mike Banks, Caralee Gibson, Mark Siner, and Dana Cawthon attended the meeting. Dennis Chavez was unable to attend.

Growth Management staff in attendance: Lynne Oler, Code Enforcement Administrative Assistant; Ron Cliff, Code Enforcement Officer; and Sean Donaldson, Code Enforcement Officer. Okaloosa County Attorney, Kerry Parsons, was also in attendance.

**1.** **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Ms. Lynne Oler conducted roll call.

**3. SWEARING IN OF ALL SPEAKERS**

Ms. Lynne Oler swore in Ron Cliff, Code Enforcement Officer; Sean Donaldson, and all others that wished to speak at this meeting.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 19, 2022 Meeting**

*Motion to approve the minutes made by Caralee Gibson, second by Dana Cawthon, approved unanimously.*

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

There were none.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were none.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**:

**A. CEB CASE #21-485249 Jesus Franco**

**Location of Violation: 3026 Sandy Lane, Crestview**

Okaloosa County Code of Ordinances, as amended, Chapter 11, Health & Sanitation, Article III, Nuisances, Division 3, Litter, Section 11-131, Definitions, Section 11-134, Litter Storage, and Section 11-136, Public Nuisances; and Chapter 21, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Article IV Abandoned and Nuisance Vehicles, Section 21-64 through Section 21-67. (**Tabled until Probated)**

Code Enforcement Officer, Ron Cliff, read the above violation. Mr. Cliff said the above property has been brought into compliance and Staff would like to remove it from the agenda.

*Caralee Gibson made a motion to remove CEB Case 21-485249 from the agenda because compliance had been met, second by Dana Cawthon. Motion passed unanimously.*

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

***\*\*\* Please note that the next case discussed was B. CEB CASE #22-521142 \*\*\****

**B. CEB CASE #22-521142 Jerry Wayne Cleckler**

**Location of Violation: 5362 Hare Street, Crestview**

Okaloosa County Code of Ordinances, as amended, Chapter 11, Health & Sanitation, Article III, Nuisances, Division 3, Section 11-136, Public Nuisances; Chapter 21, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Article IV Abandoned and Nuisance Vehicles, Section 21-65 Nuisance Vehicles.

Mr. Cliff read the above violation into the record. He said he had gone by this property today and it is still in non-compliance. Chairman Banks asked if we had heard this case before. Mr. Cliff said Mr. Cleckler was brought before the Board on another property. Ms. Gibson asked what is Staff’s recommendation. Mr. Cliff said the standard, $250 per day along with administrative costs. Ms. Parsons asked if he had been found in violation before and was told yes by the Chairman and Mr. Cliff. She asked if it had been within the last five years and, Mr. Cawthon gave her the dates. She said that the fine would be $500 per day plus administrative costs and there was no need for an abatement period.

*Caralee Gibson made a motion that since this was a repeat offense in the last five years, a fine of $500 per day, along with administrative fees, be charged as of today (November 16, 2022) and continue until this property is brought into compliance. CEB Case #22-521142 Second by Mark Siner and the motion passed unanimously.*

**A. CEB CASE #22-521141 Mary L. & James T. Coshatt**

**Location of Violation: 1911 Redwood Avenue, Niceville**

Okaloosa County Code of Ordinances, as amended, Chapter 11, Health & Sanitation, Article III, Nuisances, Division 3, Section 11-136, Public Nuisances; and Appendix E, Chapter 6 Development Design Standards, Sec 6.00.04 – Regulations.

Code Enforcement Officer, Sean Donaldson read the above violation, after passing new pictures out to the Board. He said he received a complaint in June 2022 and found unregistered vehicles, trash and debris, an unlicensed boat, a vehicle being used as storage, as well as a tent. He mailed a Notice of Violation and received the notice of receipt. Mr. Donaldson said he met with Mr. Tom Coshatt and explained to him what needed to be done. Mr. Coshatt told him that he was not in very good health. He said he would work with Mr. Coshatt as long as he sees progress is being made and that he would make 14 day inspections. On August 11, 2022, Mr. Donaldson went out there and found that progress was being made and extended the time frame for another 14 days. On August 25, he went back and found more debris in the right-of-way for pickup and gave another extension. Mr. Donaldson said progress was made until he went out to inspect the property on October 10, 2022, and that’s when he issued a Notice of Hearing. Chairman Banks asked for Staff’s recommendation. Mr. Donaldson said $250 per day, along with administrative fees, and the time frame is anything the Board decided.

Mr. James Coshatt, III, 1911 Redwood Avenue, Niceville approached the podium, and introduced himself. He stated that the owner of the property is his mother, Mary Coshatt, who was there with him. Mr. Coshatt said that he had been in the hospital a couple of times which is why there was very little or no progress. He said he had tried several places to try to get help, but hasn’t had much luck. Mr. Cawthon asked if he belonged to a church and perhaps they could help him. Mr. Coshatt replied they did not. He explained that he had lost his ability to store things because his sheds on the property had bad roofs on them. Ms. Gibson asked, that since he had the funds, would it be possible to get it done in 60 days? He said he wasn’t sure because he didn’t know how long it would take him to get rid of the boat. He said he would like to keep the van to use for storage since he wouldn’t have storage without it. Mr. Cawthon said that Mr. Coshatt could have a dumpster brought onto his property and he would fill it up and have it emptied and brought back if needed. Ms. Gibson asked if he had any family that could help him out and he said most of his family was in Panama City.

*Mr. Siner made a motion that the Board does find the property in violation and that the Board gives them until January 17, 2022 to bring the property into compliance, and if the property is not brought into compliance by the 17th of January there will be a $250 a day fine, plus administrative fees. Dana Cawthon made a second to the motion, and it passed unanimously.*

**9. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**10. ADJOURN**

*There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Banks declared the meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm.*

Prepared by:

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Lynne Oler

Code Enforcement Administrative Assistant